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LFUCG Greenways Master Plan

Planning underway for Greenways Master Plan

What do you think Fayette County will look like in ten years? Twenty years? What is important about our greenspace and what should be preserved? How should the issue of storm water flooding be addressed? These issues and more will be addressed in the Greenways Master Plan being developed by the LFUCG in cooperation with the Greenspace Commission.

Greenways can become a reality here in Fayette County. Over the last few years, using the Greenspace Plan for direction, Greenway corridors have been planned and reserved for storm water management and passive recreation purposes. Over the next year, a Master Plan process will be undertaken. Working with a nationally renowned Greenway consultant, the Greenspace Commission and government agencies will create a complete,

integrated plan that links neighborhoods, schools, parks and other important area with multi-use paths. The success of this effort will depend on input from all the citizens of Fayette County.

The first public workshop will be held on October 30, 2000 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the theater of the Central Library on Main Street.

Upcoming Events

Date: September 20th

Time: 3:00 PM

**Location: Council Chambers
Greenspace Commission
meeting**

"KICK OFF Meeting"

A presentation of the Master Plan process will be presented to the Greenspace Commission.

Date: October 30th

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: Lexington Public
Library**

"Public Workshop"

This workshop will allow citizens to provide input into the process.

For more information call 258-3478
or 258-3267.

Visit the Website

<http://www.lfucg.com/greenways>

BENEFITS OF GREENWAYS

What Are Greenways?

Greenways are corridors of protected open space managed for conservation and recreation purposes. Greenways often follow natural land or water features, and link nature reserves, parks, cultural features and historic sites with each other and with populated areas. Greenways can be publicly or privately owned, and some are the result of public/private partnerships. Some greenways include trails, while others do not. Some appeal to people, while others attract wildlife. From downtown to the rural countryside, greenways provide a vast network linking Lexington's special places.



Why Establish Greenways?

Greenways:

- **Support Economic Development**
- **Promote Healthy Living**
- **Provide Environmental Benefits**
- **Preserve Our History and Culture**
- **Build a Better Life**

Greenways provide a way of living that is cherished by most people and, unfortunately, is largely unavailable. Open spaces have disappeared at an alarming rate to make room for new development. People spend far too much time in traffic, detracting from time that could be better spent with their families and friends.

Citizens have said 'yes' to preserving open spaces, greenways, farmlands and other important habitat. Trails and greenways provide what many Americans seek: close-to-home recreational areas, historic preservation, educational experiences, natural landscapes and beautification. Both trails and greenways help communities build pride by ensuring that their neighborhoods are good places to live, so that children can safely walk or bike to a park, school, or to a neighbor's home.

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